



May 26, 2024

The Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend

PRELUDE

Ring Alleluia
Valley Ringers

H.F. Starks

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Craig

TRINITY RINGING, CHORAL PROCESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Darrah

In the beginning, before all things, before the before, there was GOD. Lovingly, with grace and forethought GOD created every element of our world, to be vulnerable, interdependent, sufficient for all generations. More than creating, GOD loved all the world like a parent: willing, loving, interceding for us. Still, after countless generations, our freedom of will enabled us to choose wrong, seduced by power, beauty and addictions; rather than to act as created to love and serve as co-creators with GOD, so GOD did the unimaginable becoming one with us. God became vulnerable,

mortal, human, with the fidelity, faith, grace and compassion missing in humanity. We sacrificed that life. Yet, even death, even our killing that life could not cut-off GOD loving us. Even now, thousands of years later, in a different land and culture, GOD continues to bless us in new ways, sometimes with troubling, with old responsibilities, with new opportunities, GOD loves us, calling us to be reconciled to one another in grace and love.

✠ **OPENING HYMN**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

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THE CALL

On behalf of the Session, I present DeWayne and Linda Jones, who have been received into the membership of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith and transfer. You come to us as members of the one, holy, catholic church into which we were each baptized and nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. For there is one body of Christ, one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of our calling in reconciliation: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

DeWayne and Linda will you confess your faith in answering these questions:

- Who is your Lord and your Savior?
- Do you trust in him?
- Do you intend to be his disciples, to obey his Word, to show his love?
- Will you give of yourselves in every way?

The majority of us, were baptized as infants, some as adults, and cannot all recall what was said on the day of our Baptism; but we dare not forget that we were Baptized in the Trinity, through the name of Jesus Christ. For the point is not being Members, or even calling ourselves Presbyterians or

Christians; in Baptism, becoming members of this Church, we recognize and affirm that we are claimed, we are called, we have yielded our Will to become Children of God, integral parts of the Body of Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

Houston, Crocker,
Ligthelm/Arr. H. Sorenson

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.
And I will call upon Your name, and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours, and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my
guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and
You won't start now.

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without border, let me walk upon the
waters Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be
made stronger In the presence of my Savior.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Baccalaureate

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7: 24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our forefathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “A BLESSED FOUNDATION”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed 35
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ **HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* 307

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Unclouded Day* J.K. Alwood/Arr. B. Seeman
Valley Ringers

****Please print your name in the fellowship register: Friendship Pads in the pews are a great way to meet your neighbor.***

***** If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well. Our Pastors and Prayer Ministry Team will Pray for your request.***

⌘ **DOXOLOGY** 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘ **HYMN** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* 338

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✠ POSTLUDE

Aria in F Major

G.F. Handel

✠ All those who are able, please stand

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Joe and Lesley Bruce, in Celebration of their 54th Anniversary.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB:

Tom Macfarlane, Daniel Seibert, Ken Vella and George Curtis.

This Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day.

Valley Presbyterian Church along with American Legion Post 131 will be Honoring our Fallen Soldiers by the Fountain at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MAY 27 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM Memorial Day Celebration by the Fountain

TUESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 AM Cardio Drumming—Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Prayer Ministry—Sweet Family Room

1:00 PM Journey Through Grief—Classroom 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

9:00 AM Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

10:00 AM Chair Exercise Class—Charter Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 30

FRIDAY, MAY 31

9:00AM Parkinson’s Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
April-2024		Through Week 20 (05/19/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 47,371	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	188
Monthly Giving Budget	76,040	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	6,443
YTD Giving Support	290,809	Weekly Viewing On-Line	93
YTD Giving Budget	281,390	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	2,792
<i>S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member</i>			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children’s Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.



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